Railways' operating assets

1994. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI R.K. ANAND:
SHRI HARISH RAWAT:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that over utilization caused significant depreciation and erosion of operating assets;

(b) if so, whether it adversely affect the required safety standards; and

(c) the measures being taken to ease the pressure on Railways' operating assets?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) Railways aim to achieve optimal utilization of the operating assets to improve financial viability of its day to day operations. The operating assets of Railways are subject to normal wear and tear while in service and are required to be renewed from time to time on age cum condition basis. Appropriate maintenance at scheduled intervals ensures proper assets management and no adverse impact on their productivity and safety. All out efforts are made to follow operating and maintenance discipline besides upgrading maintenance infrastructure and facilities to take care of rolling assets of the Railways.

Mumbai Urban Transport Project

1995. SHRI R.S. GAVAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Central Government and the State Government of Maharashtra have taken up the Mumbai Urban Transport Project on 50:50 sharing basis;

(b) if so, the details of the project;

(c) whether it is also a fact that State Government of Maharashtra have formulated some road projects and asked Government to share the cost on 50:50 basis;